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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-713-i17)

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In re Application of:

Chad A. Mirkin, et al.

Serial No.: 09/976,968

Filed: October 12, 2001

For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES ATTACHED
THERE TO AND USES THEREFOR

Examiner: J. Riley

Art Unit: 1637

Confirm. No. 2915

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated February 27, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend this application as shown below.